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Subject: RE: Background Materials (Part 2) (last part) for your trip next week

Very, very awesome, Deldi – Thank you!

- Andrew

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Hi, Matt, here you go. Just a caution that these materials do contain excerpts from internally sensitive documents as well an enforcement sensitive piece of info, so the whole thing is labeled that way and should be kept internal only. The one attachment is a more detailed paper from our Air Division on South Coast air quality and activities they're engaged in to improve air quality. Copying folks who contributed or who are otherwise interested.

**Briefing for Matt Tejada, OEJ Director
July 10, 2014**

Background Information Re July 14 – 17 Trip To Region 9

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Overview

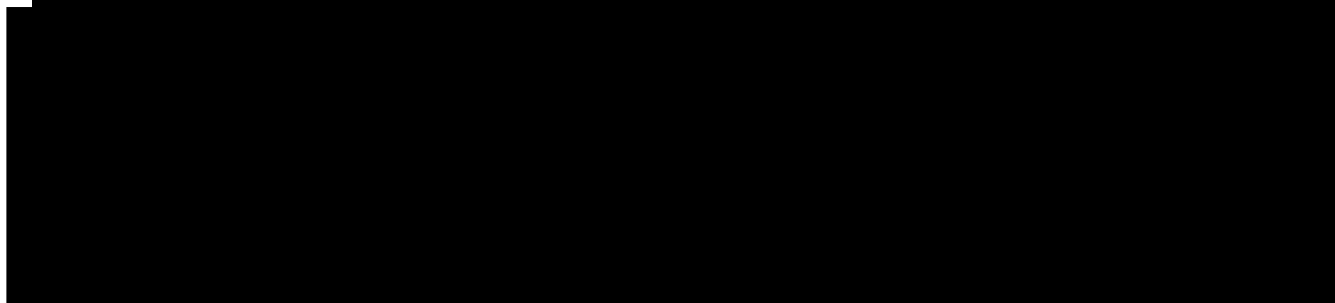
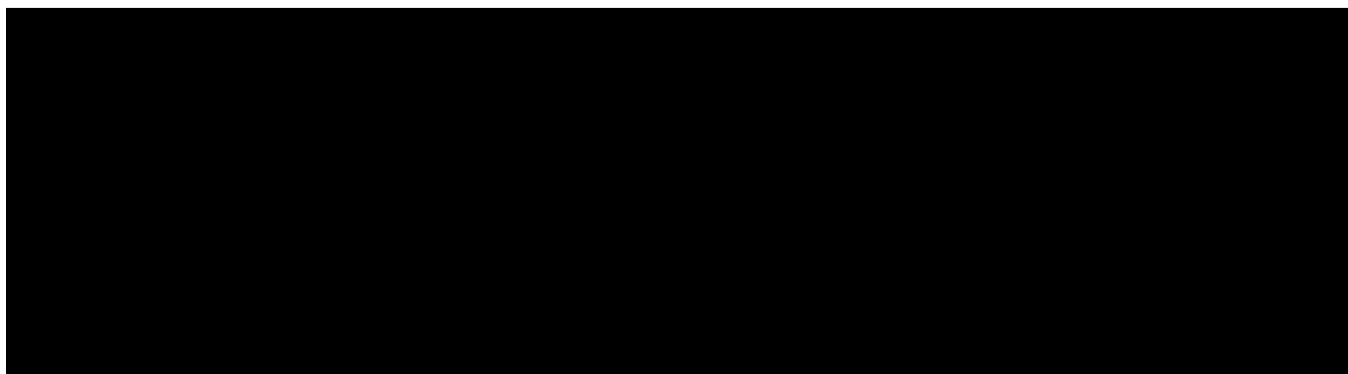
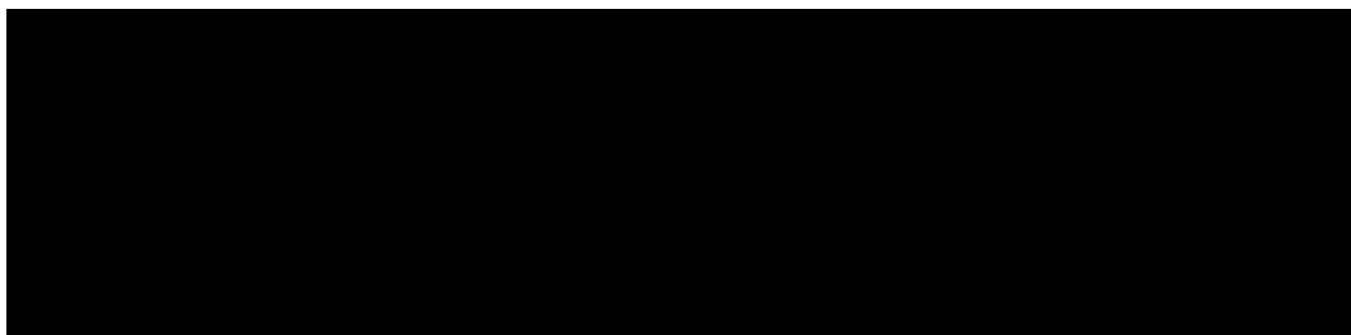
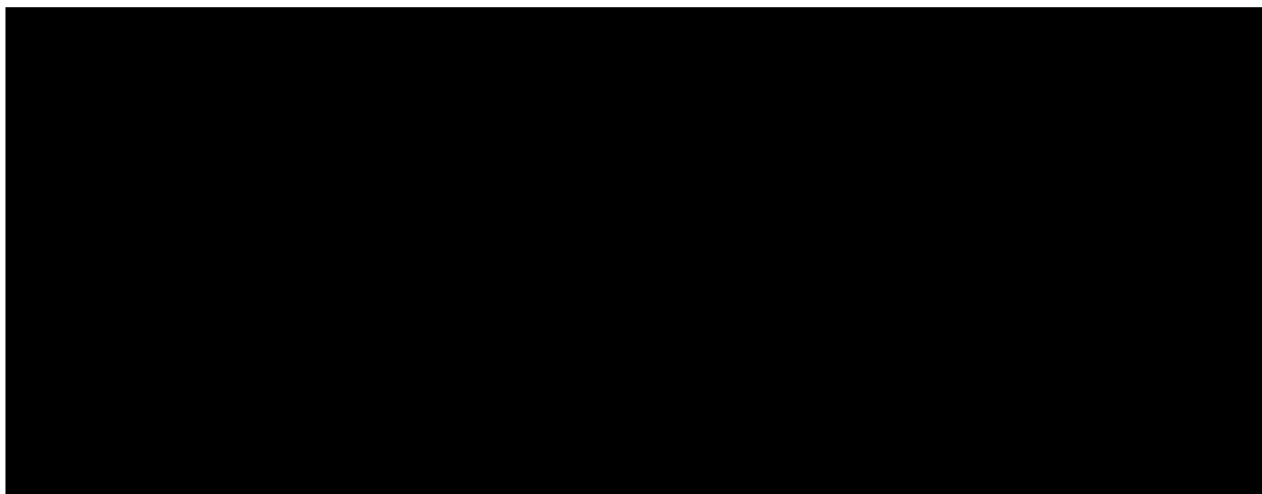
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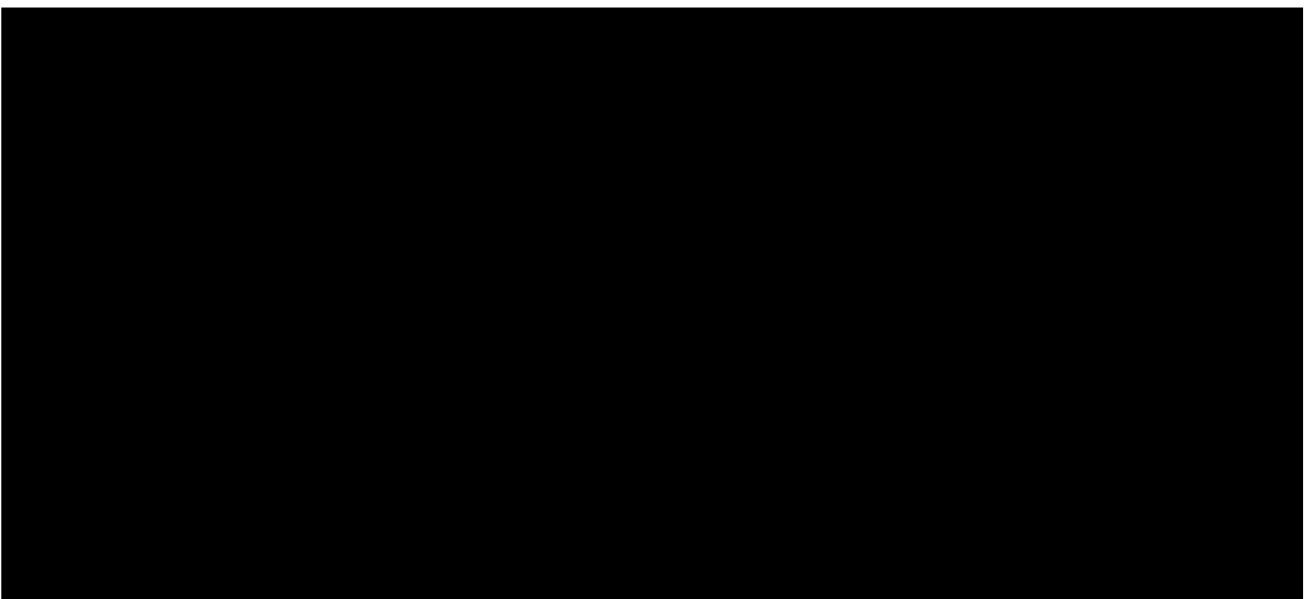
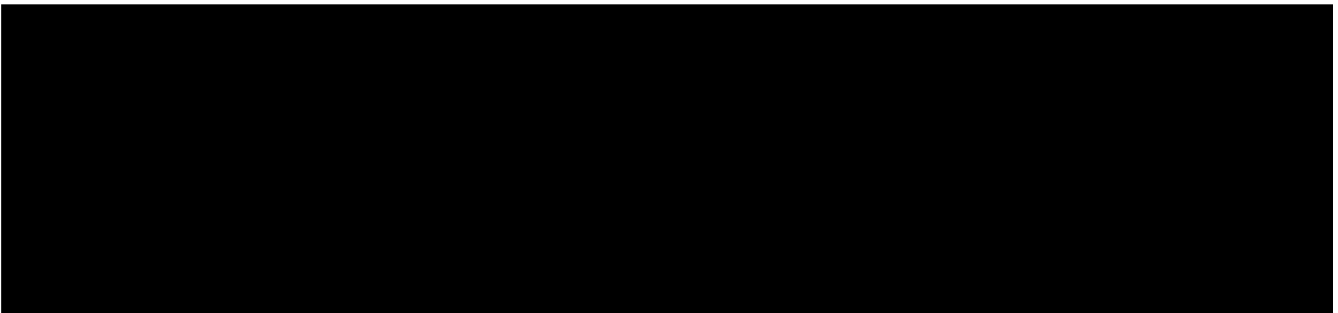


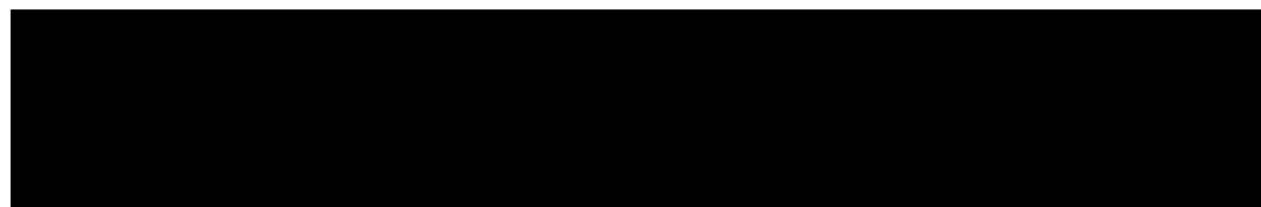
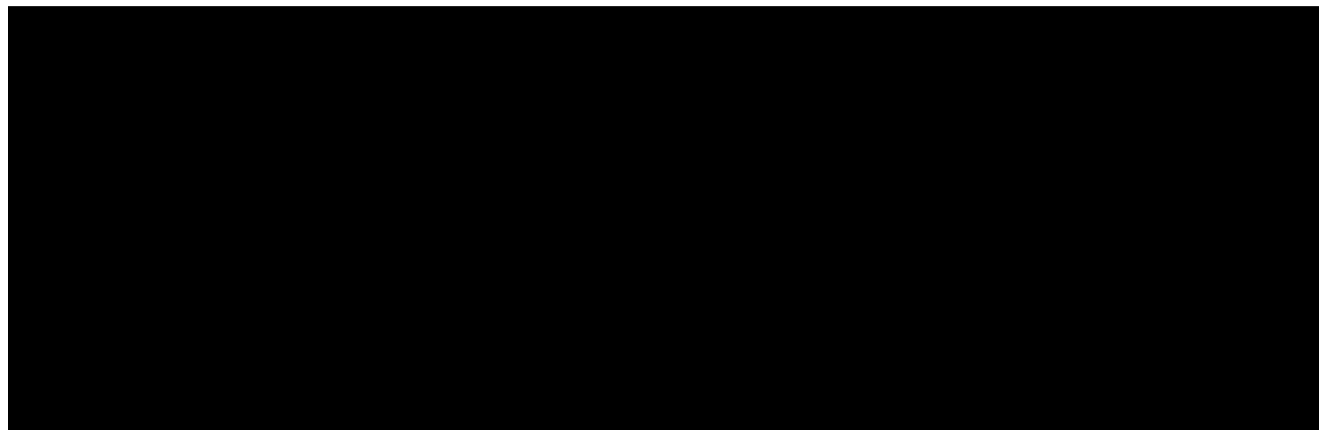
630 Dinner with Roger Kintz, DTSC EJ Coordinator and Project Manager for EPA EJ Cooperative Agreement

DTSC was one of five state agencies that received an EJ cooperative agreement in 2010. They used the funding to focus on the communities of Maywood, Wilmington and Commerce.

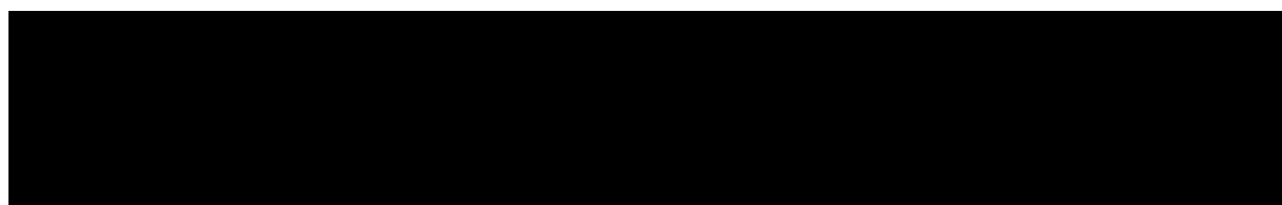
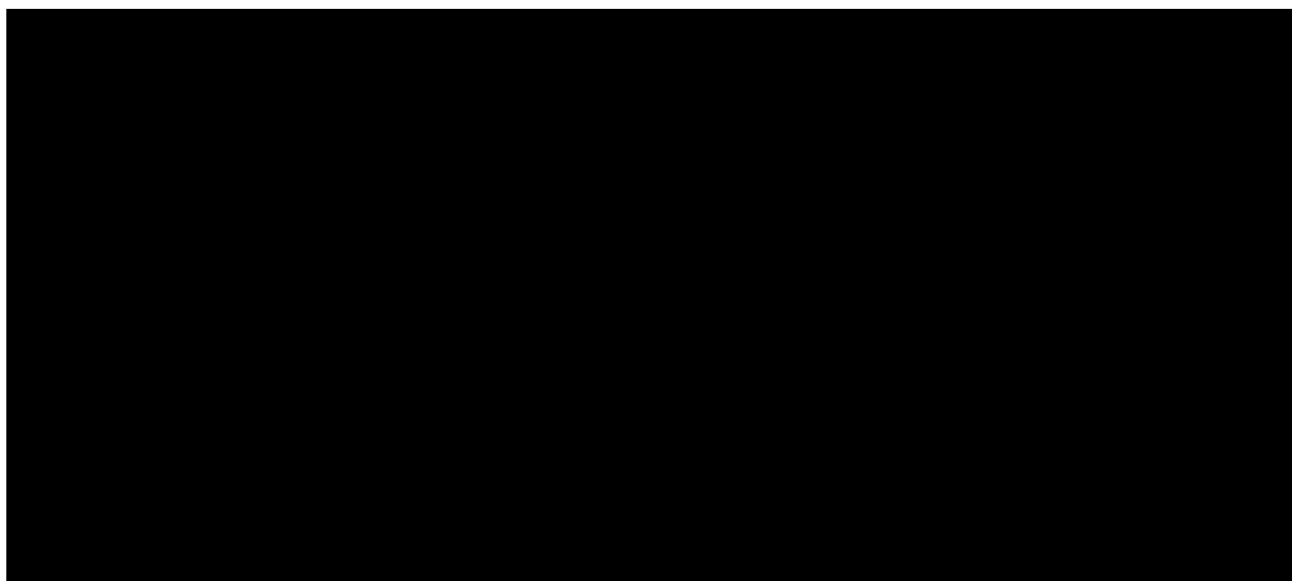
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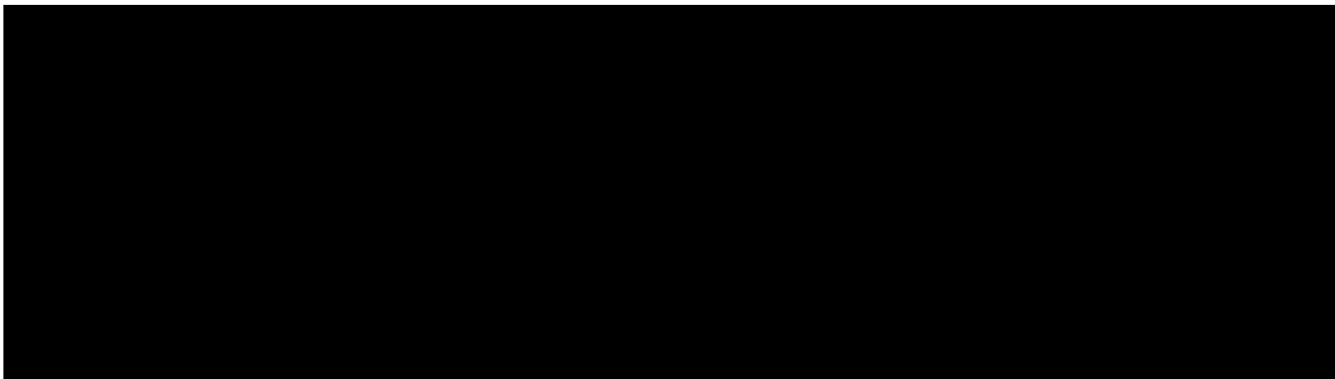
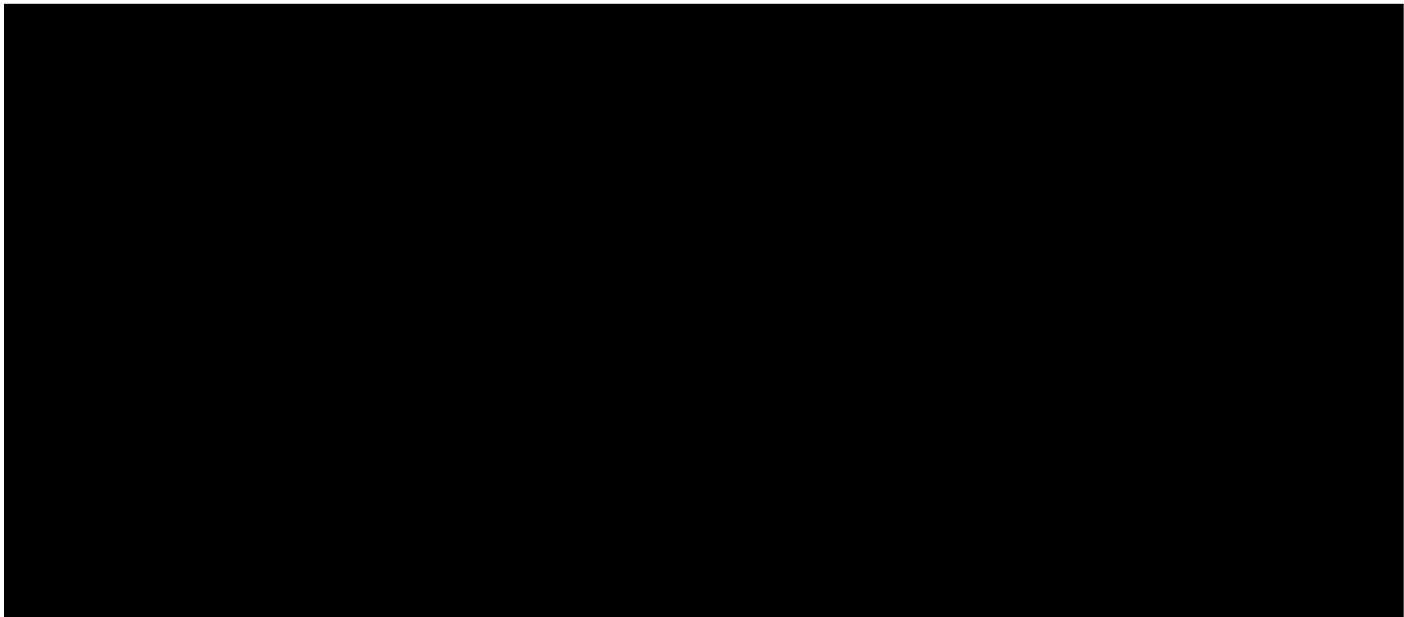
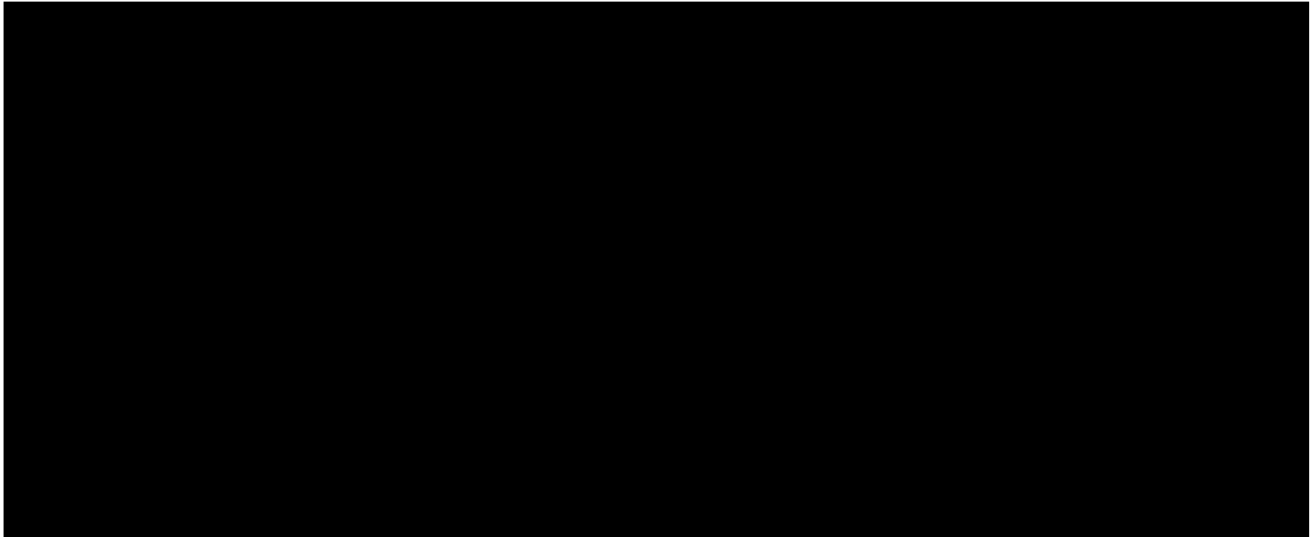
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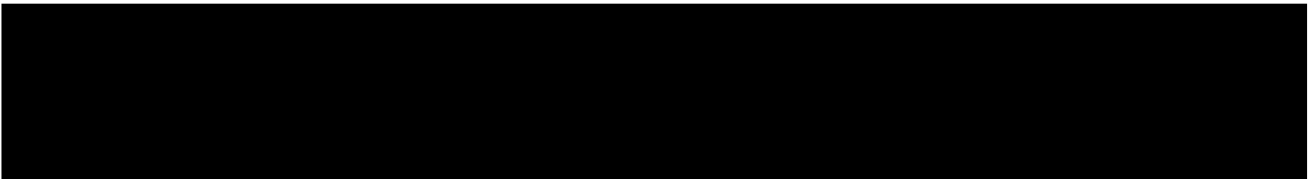
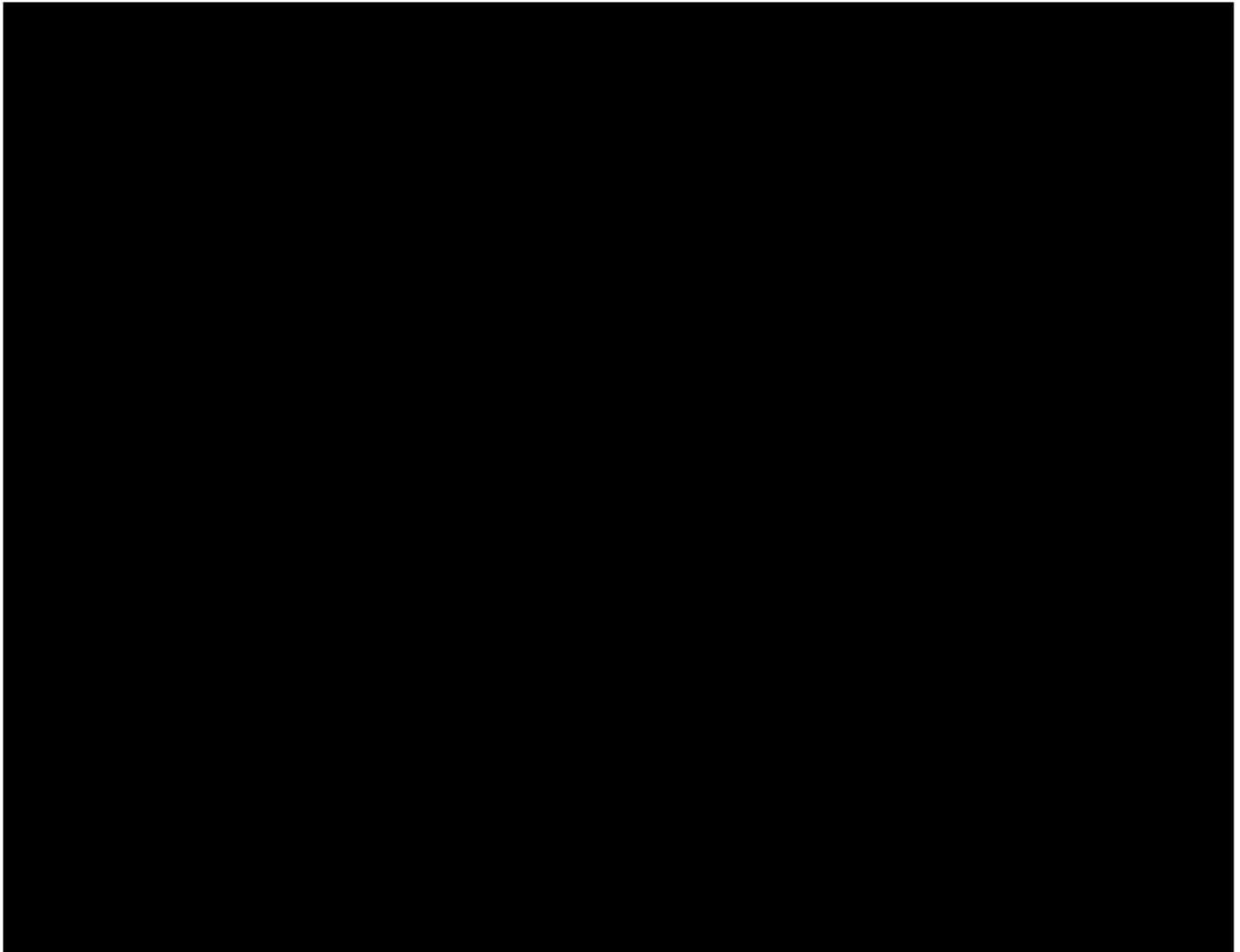


Day 4 Thursday, July 17
Richmond





21 215 - 430 pm Tour Route



Other Issues

Exide Technologies Lead Battery Recycling Facility – Vernon, CA



- On May 22, 2014 EPA issued a Notice of Violation to Exide Technologies for excessive lead emissions from its lead smelting facility. EPA's investigation,

prompted by community concerns as well as ongoing investigations by state and local agencies, found that Exide violated federally enforceable lead emissions standards on more than 30 occasions since September 2013.

- Under California's SIP (South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1420.1), large lead-acid battery recycling facilities are prohibited from emitting lead into the air that exceeds 0.15µg/m³ (micrograms per meter cubed) over any period of 30 consecutive days. Any violation of the SIP is a violation of the federal Clean Air Act.
- Exide Technologies is a battery recycling facility located at 2700 South Indiana Avenue in Vernon and has been in operation since 1922. Exide recovers lead from recycled automotive batteries and other lead-bearing scrap materials and recycles 23,000 to 41,000 batteries daily. The City of Vernon is an industrial city of 5.2 square miles; the Exide facility is located approximately 0.6 miles from residential areas.
- California's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and SCAQMD have aggressively pursued all compliance and enforcement options to limit or reduce harmful emissions at Exide, and we're working closely with each agency to ensure all federally-enforceable rules and requirements are met.

SCAQMD Actions:

- In January 2014, SCAQMD amended existing Rule 1420.1 (which already imposes strict controls for lead emissions) to require Exide and its competitor, Quemetco, to meet strict emission limits for arsenic, benzene and 1,3-butadiene.
- SCAQMD has pursued several enforcement actions against Exide, including requesting an order of abatement from the SCAQMD Hearing Board which would require Exide to shutter its facility until appropriate emission controls are in place. A final decision by the SCAQMD Hearing Board on the order of abatement is expected in June 2014.

EPA Actions:

EPA issued an Information Request (CAA§114) to determine whether the Exide Facility is in compliance with other provisions of SCAQMD Rule 1420.1, as well as NESHAP Subpart X, and other requirements of the federal Clean Air Act. Additionally, Joel Jones, Associate Director, Enforcement Division has been meeting regularly with local residents and members of the East Side Coalition Against Exide Toxic Technologies, who, along with local elected officials, remain concerned with the potential harmful effects of excessive lead emissions from the Exide facility. Contact: Joel Jones (415-972-3449) jones.joel@epa.gov

New CA EJ Coalition Announced on July 1

On July 1, 2014, the formation of the California Environmental Justice Coalition was announced. The coalition is meant to be a “broad and inclusive” grassroots coalition uniting urban, rural and indigenous communities suffering from pollution and environmental racism and injustice. CEJC brings together community and environmental justice groups, large and small, in order to unify the movement and support the common struggle for healthy communities and environmental justice. Initiating organizations of the CEJC include:

Asamblea de Poder Popular de Gonzales

Comite Civico del Valle

East Side Coalition Against Exide Toxic Technologies

El Pueblo Para el Aire y Agua Limpia/People for Clean Air and Water of Kettleman City

Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network

Grayson Neighborhood Council

Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

Healthy 880 Communities

Huntersview Mothers and Fathers Committee for Health and Environmental Justice

La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle

Mohave Cultural Preservation Program

San Joaquin Valley Latino Environmental Advancement Project

Tri-Valley CAREs (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment)

Valley Improvement Projects

West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs

West County Toxics Coalition

West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project and

Youth United for Community Action

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